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SUBJ: BOUGAINVILLE TALKS TO BE RESUMED

1. PRIME MINISTER SOMARE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL LEAD THE GPNG TEAM AT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE BOUGAINVILLE SECESSIONISTS TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 25 IN RABAU.

2. SOMARE ALSO SAID THE GPNG IS PREPARED TO REINSTATE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ON BOUGAINVILLE. HE FURTHER SAID THAT HE RECOGNIZES A NATION-WIDE DESIRE FOR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE THREE OR FOUR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS BEFORE THE END OF 1976. THE CENTRAL PLANNING OFFICE IS STUDYING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT THAT WERE LEFT OUT OF THE CONSTITUTION IN THE RUSH FOR INDEPENDENCE, HE SAID.

3. COMMENT: THE CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE OF THE GPNG APPEARS TO CONTINUE, AND THIS BODES WELL FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS.
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